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Supplemental Information on Planning Effort Available

(Price, Utah) The Bureau of Land Management announces the availability of supplemental information and analysis regarding the consideration of four potential Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs) which were not identified in the Draft Resource Management Plan (DRMP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the BLM's Price Field Office.

The four potential ACECs: Desolation Canyon ACEC, 159,246 acres; Mussentuchit Badlands ACEC, 58,398 acres; White-Tailed Prairie Dog ACEC, 9,204 acres and the Lower Muddy Creek ACEC, 29,854 acres, were nominated by the public during initial scoping and found to meet qualifications for further consideration, however, they were inadvertently omitted from the draft land use plan. In consideration of the oversight and comments received, the BLM has issued supplemental information and analysis providing a description of the areas and the potential impacts relating to the inclusion of these ACECs in Alternative C of the draft plan.

Comments on the four potential ACECs will be accepted during a 90-day public comment period that will run through September 8, 2006. The supplemental information package is available for review at the planning project website <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/ut/price>. Information is also available by contacting the BLM at:

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All comments submitted will be available for public review after they are processed, as allowable by the privacy act.

The BLM-Price Field Office planning area includes all of the public land and Federal mineral ownership managed by the BLM in Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah. This area includes approximately 2.5 million acres of BLM-administered surface lands and 2.8 million acres of Federal mineral lands underlying Federal, State, and private surface ownership in the area.

The draft planning document released in July 2004 addresses five alternative management decisions and analyzes the impacts of each. A final plan is scheduled for November 2006.

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